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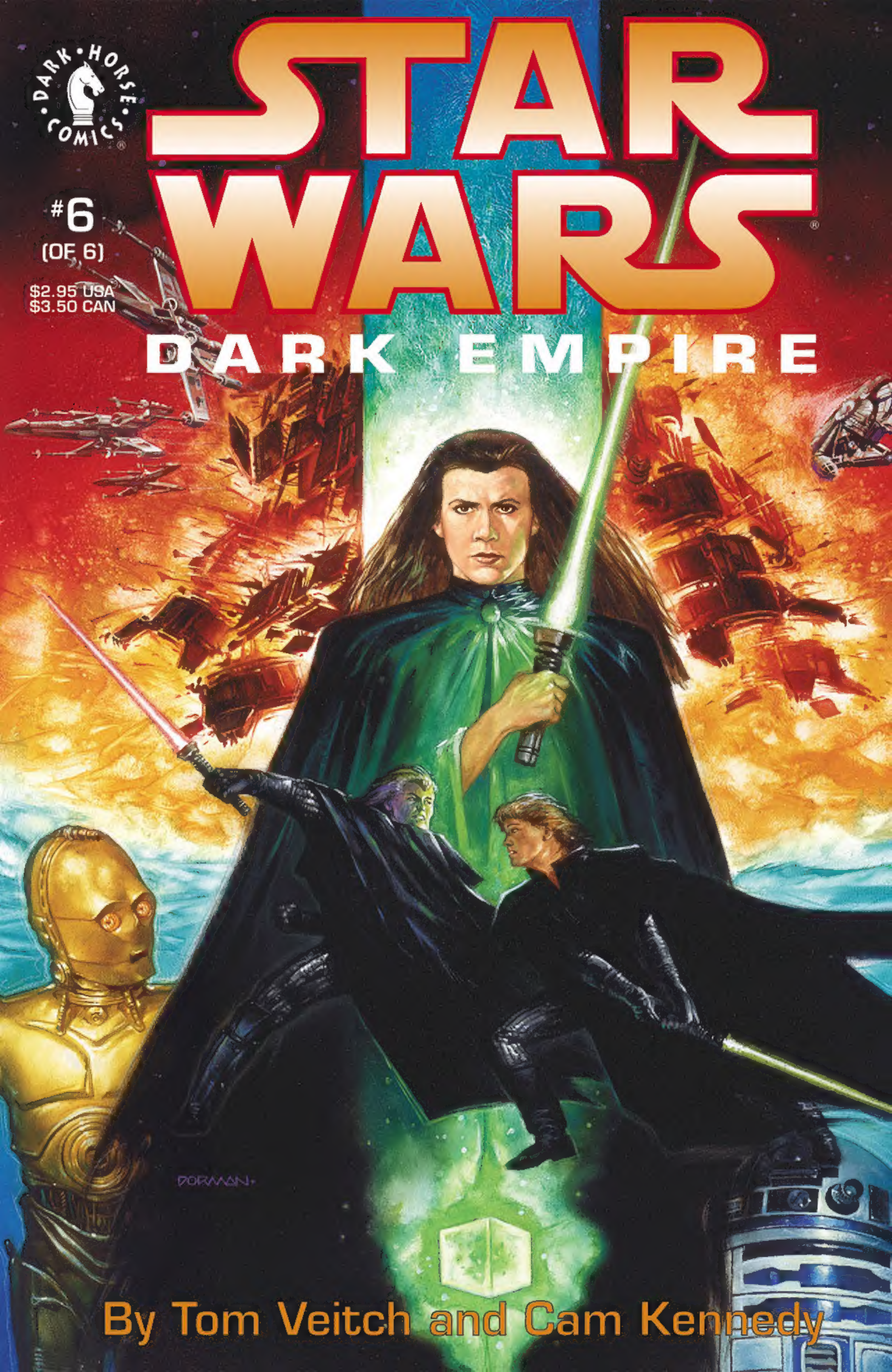

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BOOK 6:
THE FATE OF A GALAXY

Even as the Imperial World Devastators continue to savage the Alliance, Princess Leia and Han Solo succeed in freeing Luke Skywalker and R2-D2 from the clutches of the evil Emperor Palpatine.

During the rescue, Leia captures one of the Emperor's most prized possessions: an ancient artifact called the *Jedi Holocron*. The Holocron is a legendary source of Jedi teaching believed lost for over six hundred years.

As the heroes of the Rebel Alliance escape through hyperspace aboard the Millennium Falcon, Luke explains that the master control codes to the Emperor's World Devastators are now safely hidden in Artoo's memory banks...*Then Luke vanishes.*

Using the secrets of the Dark Side, Luke has created a doppelganger to trick his friends into leaving him on Byss — where, at that very moment, Luke is confronting the dying despot, and smashing the Emperor's clone tanks with his lightsaber!

But before Luke can finish his dreadful task, the Emperor succeeds in transferring his consciousness to one of his clones, a strong and agile fifteen-year-old!

Filled with Dark Side power, the reborn Emperor engages Luke in a ferocious lightsaber duel — and *wins*. Triumphant over his greatest adversary, the young Emperor vows to find Leia — and the Holocron — and crush the Rebellion once and for all!

YRRAAWNNGN!

AS THE *MILLENNIUM FALCON* BLASTS AT TWICE THE SPEED OF LIGHT TOWARD THE CALAMARI BATTLEFIELD, HAN SOLO AND THE WOOKIEE CHEWBACCA SPLICE ARTOO-DETOO INTO THE *FALCON'S* COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM--

TEEK-BEEP... BIP BIP BREET BWEET!!

PLEASE BE CAREFUL! ARTOO SAYS THEY BURNED OUT HIS *DIFFERENTIAL REGULATORS* WHEN THEY HOOKED HIM TO THE *CLONE TANKS!*

I *KNOW*-- WHY D'YA THINK WE'RE HAVING SO MUCH TROUBLE ACCESSING THE *BATTLE CODES* LUKE HID IN ARTOO'S MEMORY CIRCUITS?

OKAY, CHEWIE--*READY* ON THIS END. I HOPE THIS WORKS!

BUT SIR, I THINK--

LISTEN, PROFESSOR -- IF YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHIN' *USEFUL*, WHY DON'T YOU MONITOR THE NEGATIVE POWER COUPLINGS, LIKE I *ASKED* YOU?

REALLY, SIR... THERE'S NO NEED TO GET UPSET... I WAS JUST SAYING--

THREEPIO! COME HERE...I'LL PLUG YOU INTO THE HYPERSPACE *TRANSPONDER* AND YOU CAN MONITOR IMPERIAL TRANSMISSIONS FOR US--

LUKE SAYS THE INFORMATION HE STORED IN ARTOO WILL *PARALYZE* THE DEVASTATORS' *COMMAND COMPUTERS.*

THE DEVASTATORS ARE USING A BINARY RECOGNITION CODE... I WANT YOU TO TELL ME IF THEY START BEAMING *DISTRESS* SIGNALS TO BYSS!

OF COURSE, PRINCESS LEIA! I'M SO GLAD *SOMEBODY* APPRECIATES MY TALENTS!

CALAMARI--A WORLD UNDER SIEGE.

AS ARTOO-DETOO BEGINS FEEDING THE STOLEN CONTROL CODES INTO THE EMPEROR'S PRIORITY HYPERSPACE CHANNEL, THE EFFECT ON THE MASSIVE IMPERIAL WAR MACHINES IS *DEVASTATING*--

SEE THAT? SOMETHIN' STRANGE GOIN' ON--THE DEVASTATORS ARE JUST SITTIN' THERE... LIKE SOMEBODY SWITCHED THEM *OFF!*

GENERAL CALRISSIAN THINKS THAT *COMMANDER SKYWALKER* IS DOING SOMETHING TO SABOTAGE THEIR CONTROL SYSTEMS.

YEAH -- THAT'S WHY HE ORDERED US *SEA COMMANDOS* TO LAUNCH BOARDING PARTIES!

THANKS TO ARTOO, THE DEVASTATORS' ENERGY SHIELDS AND DEFENSIVE ION CANNONS HAVE CEASED TO FUNCTION. THE REBEL COMMANDO TEAMS STORM THE IMMOBILIZED DEVASTATORS WITH EASE!

ON BOARD THE DEVASTATORS, TECHNICIANS WORK DESPERATELY TO HOT WIRE THE JAMMED CONTROL CIRCUITS.

AREN'T YOU *FINISHED* YET? WE'VE GOT TO *BYPASS* THE MASTER CONTROL COMPUTER!

IT'S HOPELESS, SIR--THE SYSTEM WAS DESIGNED TO *PREVENT* TAMPERING!

THERE'S ONE OPTION AVAILABLE TO US, COMMANDER. WE *ARE* ABLE TO RESTORE POWER TO THE ONBOARD FACTORIES!

ALL RIGHT-- *DO IT!*

IF WE'RE GOING TO SIT HERE LIKE A *DEAD MOON*, WE MIGHT AS WELL GIVE THEM A GOOD *FIGHT!*

DEEP IN THE BOWELS OF THE WORLDSMASHERS, *ROBOTIC WEAPONS MILLS* SPRING TO LIFE--

THEY'RE A PRETTY SIGHT, DEPPO.

SURE ARE. *THESE* LOVELY *ENGINES OF DEATH* WILL HOLD THE REBELS AT BAY UNTIL WE CAN GET THE DEVASTATORS UP AN' RUNNIN'!

STORMING OVER THE BATTLEMENTS, THE SEA COMMANDOS MEET THEIR FIRST OPPOSITION-- IMPERIAL STORMTROOPERS!

STANG! FIGURES THESE GUYS WOULD BE ONBOARD!

MOMENTS LATER, FAR BELOW, THE SECOND LINE OF DEFENSE EMERGES FROM THE FIERY BELLY OF EACH DEVASTATOR--

--FAST AND AGILE ATTACK SHIPS THAT BEGIN TO POUND THE REBEL AMPHIBIANS MERCILESSLY.

ROCKETING OUT OF HYPERSPACE, THE CREW OF THE *MILLENNIUM FALCON* BEHOLDS A *VERY* DISTURBING SIGHT--

WHAT'S GOIN' ON?!

I THOUGHT THOSE CODES WERE SUPPOSED TO *SHUT DOWN* THE DEVASTATORS--!

--I GUESS YOUR *BROTHER* DECIDED TO PULL A *FASTY* ON US!

HAN, USE YOUR *EYES*! THOSE DEVASTATORS ARE DEAD ON THE WATER!

OBVIOUSLY THE IMPERIAL ENGINEERS FIGURED OUT HOW TO KEEP THE RECYCLING FACTORIES WORKING!

SIR, IF I MAY SAY--

OKAY, SMARTY. IF THAT'S TRUE, WHAT'S TO STOP 'EM FROM GETTING THE *WHOLE THING* OPERATIONAL?

SIR...SIR... PLEASE *LISTEN--!*

THREEPIO...I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO *SHUT UP!*

IT'S *ARTOO*, SIR... HE SAYS HE'S CREATED A *NEW* CODE THAT WILL MAKE THE DEVASTATORS DO *ANYTHING* HE WANTS...

FRANKLY, SIR, I THINK--

HUH? OKAY... IT'S WORTH A TRY--LUKE'S BIG PLAN SURE DIDN'T HELP MUCH.

SALLA...YOU AND CHEWIE TAKE THE *FALCON* IN AS CLOSE AS YOU CAN.

GET READY TO GIVE A RANCOR'S KISS TO THE *ENEMY*, HAN--

FALCON HANDLES JUST LIKE HE DID BACK WHEN ME AN' LANDO MADE THE KESSEL RUN!

HAN, I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE STILL DOWN ON LUKE--HE'S TAKING A GREAT *RISK* FOR THE ALLIANCE...

YEAH, YEAH... LET'S SEE IF THIS CHIRPING, THREE-LEGGED BOLT BUCKET CAN DO ANY BETTER--

ACTUALLY SIR, I BELIEVE ARTOO IS HAVING DELU-SIONS OF GRANDEUR--

HE AIN'T THE ONLY ONE!

OKAY, CHEWIE--RADIO THOSE REBEL COMMANDO TEAMS TO GET CLEAR OF THE DEVASTATORS!

THEY'VE GOT *THREE MINUTES!*

ALL TEAMS BACK TO THE BOATS! SOMETHIN' BIG IS GONNA HAPPEN!

ARTOO IS ON TO SOMETHING! AS THE BRAVE LITTLE ROBOT BEAMS HIS ***NEW CODES*** INTO THE DEVASTATORS' CONTROL COMPUTERS, AMAZING THINGS BEGIN TO HAPPEN!

LOOK! IT'S WORKING! ARTOO, YOU'RE A GENIUS--!

--THANK THE MAKER! ARTOO--I ***KNEW*** YOU COULD DO IT! YOU SAVED THE DAY!

BEEEEP-PWEEP-BOOP-BIP-BIP-WHREET-DOOT-VRR-FRADEET-BREE-DOOPVADEET-DRRP-TWEET-BRAZZZZ!!!

OH! I'VE NEVER BEEN SO INSULTED IN ALL MY LIFE!

AND TO THINK IT WAS I WHO TOLD THEM ABOUT YOUR GRAND PLAN!

TOO BAD YOU'VE DESTROYED THE DEVASTATORS-- I'D FEED YOU TO THEM TO BE ***RECYCLED!***

AS ARTOO'S CODED INSTRUCTIONS CONTINUE TO OVERRIDE THEIR BATTLE PROGRAMMING, THE REMAINING DEVASTATORS TURN ON EACH OTHER WITH THE FULL *FURY* OF THEIR RECYCLING FURNACES--

--THE DEVASTATORS' *LAST ASSAULT* IS CATASTROPHIC AND *TOTAL!*

GOOD WORK, HAN AND LEIA!... AND THANK THAT LITTLE DROID!

BRTT-TWEEP!

NOW HERE'S THE *BAD* NEWS, LANDO--

--IT AIN'T OVER YET! THE *EMPEROR'S* BACK IN ACTION!

BUT THANKS TO LUKE AND ARTOO, *THE BATTLE OF CALAMARI* IS A GREAT VICTORY FOR THE REBEL ALLIANCE!

WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARS, IT BECOMES APPARENT THAT THE ENTIRE FLEET OF DEVASTATORS THAT ATTACKED CALAMARI IS *DESTROYED!*

LEIA... I'M SORRY ABOUT WHAT I SAID. I GUESS I'LL JUST NEVER FIGURE OL' LUKE OUT.

LUKE IS SACRIFICING HIS *LIFE* FOR US, HAN...FOR OUR *CHILDREN*. SOMETIMES THE ACTIONS OF A JEDI MAKE NO SENSE TO ORDINARY MEN.

YEAH... WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT? ME...FATHER OF *JEDI*.

I GUESS AN *ORDINARY* GUY CAN DO SOMETHIN' RIGHT SOMETIMES.

THE REBELS' TRIUMPH IS SHORT LIVED. BACK ON PINNACLE BASE THEY LEARN GRIM NEWS FROM ARTOO'S DATA BANKS.

ACCORDING TO THE PLANS THAT ARTOO HAS BROUGHT US, THE BATTLE OF CALAMARI WAS BUT A ***SMALL*** PART OF THE EMPEROR'S OVERALL SCHEME.

THE DEEP CORE SYSTEMS HAVE BECOME INVIOLABLE FORTRESSES. AND THE IMPERIAL NAVY HAS REAFFIRMED ITS ALLEGIANCE TO THE EMPEROR.

NOW THE EMPEROR PLANS TO EXPAND HIS AREA OF TOTAL DOMINANCE IN STAGES--

--HE WILL LAUNCH A SERIES OF ***WAVE ASSAULTS*** UPON ALL WORLDS IN PROXIMITY TO THE GALACTIC CORE...

MOVING OUT FROM THE CENTER, HE WILL NOT REST UNTIL THE ***ENTIRE*** GALAXY FALLS UNDER THE SWAY OF THE ***DARK SIDE!***

I HAVE ASSIGNED TEAMS TO ANALYZE ***ALL*** OUR POSSIBLE RESPONSES. WE'LL MEET AGAIN TOMORROW. I WANT YOU ALL RESTED--AND ***READY*** TO ACT!

EXHAUSTED FROM BATTLE FATIGUE, THE REBEL WARRIORS RETIRE TO THEIR QUARTERS. LEIA TAKES TIME TO BE ALONE... TO PONDER THE FATE OF HER BROTHER.

WHAT A STRANGE DEVICE...SO OLD... CONSTRUCTED BY A LONG-LOST SCIENCE.

CAN IT TELL ME WHAT WILL BECOME OF LUKE?

JEDI! MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU! I AM BODO BAAS, AT YOUR SERVICE.

BODO BAAS KNOWS ALL PROBABLE FUTURES, FROM HIS TIME UNTIL A TIME LOST IN MISTS AND SHADOWS...

I CAN HELP YOU.

BUT... YOU'RE NOT ALIVE. CAN YOU REALLY KNOW THE FUTURE?

PAST HISTORY AND PRESENT ACTION ARE ONE... THE FORCE SURROUNDS ALL TIME... ALL DOING.

BODO BAAS IS WITH THE FORCE, THAT IS FOR CERTAIN.

FOR YOU BODO BAAS WILL SPEAK A PROPHECY WRITTEN ONE THOUSAND YEARS BEFORE YOUR TIME, BY MY OWN MASTER!

...A BROTHER AND SISTER BORN TO WALK THE SKY, BUT RECKLESS BROTHER FALLS-- INTO DARK SIDE'S EYE! JEDI SISTER CARRIES HOPE FOR FUTURE IN HER WOMB. ONLY SHE CAN SAVE THE SKYWALKERS FROM CERTAIN DOOM!

A JEDI-KILLER WANTS TO TAME HER. NOW THE DARK-SIDE LORD COMES TO CLAIM HER. SHE MUST BATTLE, JOIN AGAINST THIS THIEF, OR THE DYNASTY OF ALL THE JEDI WILL COME TO GRIEF!

AS LEIA PONDERS THE MYSTERIOUS PROPHECY OF THE HOLOCRON, A STAR DESTROYER OF PRODIGIOUS PROPORTIONS BURSTS INTO VIEW OVER THE PINNACLE MOON...

SOMETHIN' BIG COMIN' OUT OF HYPERSPACE! WE'RE GONNA HIT IT!

ENGINES FULL REVERSE!

LUKE... WHY CAN I FEEL YOU SO NEAR?

YOUR MIND... IMPRISONED.

YOU HAVE PLAYED THE EMPEROR'S GAME...AND LOST.

STUNNED BY THE APPEARANCE OF THE EMPEROR'S MASSIVE FLAGSHIP, THE REBELS ASSEMBLE AND ISSUE EMERGENCY ORDERS TO THE FLEET--

--SUDDENLY, A POWERFUL HOLOGRAM SIGNAL CUTS ACROSS ALL THE ALLIANCE FREQUENCIES--

LEADERS OF THE REBEL ALLIANCE... I HAVE NO QUARREL WITH YOU.

GIVE ME THE ***WOMAN JEDI***, SISTER OF SKYWALKER... RETURN THE ***PRECIOUS OBJECT*** SHE STOLE FROM ME.

A SHUTTLE IS WAITING... SEND HER TO MY SHIP... AND THEN I WILL DISCUSS A ***TRUCE*** WITH THE ALLIANCE.

WHO'S HE ***KIDDING***? I VOTE FOR BLASTING HIM WITH EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT--

--THAT'S WHAT ***LUKE*** WOULD WANT!

NO! I HAVE TO GO TO THEM... I ***HAVE*** TO!

I WON'T ***LET*** YOU...OUR ***CHILD***--

YOU ***WILL*** LET ME.

LEIA DOESN'T USE ANY "JEDI MIND TRICKS" ON HER HUSBAND. SHE SIMPLY ***GOES***...

THE EMPEROR'S COMMAND VESSEL, TEN MILES FROM STEM TO STERN, SEEMS DESIGNED TO INSPIRE ***DREAD*** IN EVERY POSSIBLE OPPONENT.

BUT LEIA'S FRIENDS IN THE ALLIANCE UNDERSTAND THAT WHAT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN TRANSCENDS THE TECHNOLOGY OF WAR...

THE CONFRONTATION WITH THE EMPEROR--AND THE FATE OF THE GALAXY--IS A MATTER ONLY A ***JEDI*** CAN RESOLVE.

SO IT IS THAT THE EMPEROR'S PRIVATE SHUTTLE CARRIES LEIA--ALONE AND NOT ALONE--TOGETHER WITH HER UNBORN CHILD...TO HER *DESTINY*.

DISEMBARKING INSIDE THE COLOSSAL WARSHIP, LEIA SENSES AN *OPPRESSION* UNLIKE ANYTHING SHE'S FELT BEFORE.

THERE IS NO GLIMMER OF HOPE IN THIS SHIP...ONLY THE DARK SIDE OF THE FORCE...MORE POWERFUL THAN EVER.

GOOD. YOU HAVE UNDERSTOOD.

YOU MAY LEAVE US, GUARDS.

NOW... WHERE IS MY HOLOCRON?

I DON'T HAVE IT.

I HAVE COME FOR MY BROTHER.

YOU STILL DEFY ME? PERHAPS YOU DO NOT KNOW YOUR OWN HEART IN THESE MATTERS...

THE CHILD IN YOUR WOMB WILL BE GIVEN TO ME, IS THAT NOT SO?

I WILL RAISE THIS CHILD IN THE POWER OF THE DARK SIDE...

THE CHILD WILL BECOME AN EXTENSION OF MY WILL.

AT THE APPROPRIATE AGE I WILL DISPLACE THE PERSONALITY THAT DWELLS WITHIN... TAKE ON ITS YOUNG JEDI BODY AS MY OWN!

AS THE EMPEROR'S EVIL HAND TOUCHES LEIA--

AHHH!

CURSE YOU, JEDI!

NO...A CURSE IS NOT NECESSARY...

I HAVE SOMETHING BETTER FOR YOU...

SKYWALKER... I HAVE BROKEN YOU... NOW PROVE YOURSELF WORTHY OF SERVING ME!

BRING YOUR SISTER OVER TO THE DARK SIDE... YOU HAVE THE POWER.

YES, MY MASTER.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S DONE TO YOU, LUKE... BUT THIS TIME WE'RE REALLY LEAVING.

LEIA... NO...

...DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE DARK SIDE...

LEIA... I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU.

THE LAST THING I'D DO IS HURT YOU, LUKE...

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU IS NOT FINAL. CLEAR YOUR MIND... LOOK AT THE FUTURE.

THE CHILD... WILL BE A VERY GREAT JEDI... BECAUSE YOU WILL TRAIN HIM...

YOU WILL TRAIN ALL MY CHILDREN IN THE WAYS OF THE FORCE.

LEIA'S WORDS TEAR THROUGH THE SHADOWS LIKE A DAGGER OF SUNLIGHT...

A VOICE CRIES OUT... FROM FATHOMS BELOW THE DARKNESS THAT ENSHROUDS THE MIND OF A JEDI.

LEIA... HELP ME...

I HAVE GONE TOO FAR... INTO THE DARK SIDE...

SHRUMMMN!

I FOUND KNOWLEDGE THERE... ALL THE DARK THINGS FATHER KNEW SO WELL...

...THE ABILITY TO CONTROL OTHERS... TO DESTROY OTHERS, IF I SO CHOOSE--

--BEN WARNED ME... YODA WARNED ME... "*ONCE YOU START DOWN THAT DARK PATH, FOREVER WILL IT DOMINATE YOUR DESTINY...*"

BUT I HAD TO DO IT, LEIA. I HAD TO ***KNOW*** MY FATHER... I HAD TO KNOW ***WHY*** HE CHOSE THE DARK SIDE.

AND NOW YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR FATHER...

...IT'S TIME TO COME HOME, LUKE.

DO NOT LISTEN TO HER! LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF THE DARK SIDE! YOUR POWER IS ***IMMENSE!***

THE POWERS OF CONTROL AND DESTRUCTION WEREN'T THE ONLY THINGS I FOUND IN THE DARK SIDE...

I ALSO FOUND GREAT ISOLATION AND SADNESS... I FOUND ***FEAR.***

THESE ARE THE FEELINGS MY FATHER FELT... THE FEELINGS EVEN ***YOU*** FEEL, IN YOUR MOMENTS OF DARKEST TRIUMPH.

NONSENSE!

CURSE YOU, SKYWALKERS!

I'LL TELL YOU THE ***TRUTH*** ABOUT YOUR FATHER--

THE GREAT DARTH VADER WAS A SICK MAN IN AN IRON MASK!

YES, THAT MASK INSPIRED *TERROR* THROUGHOUT THE GALAXY...

...BUT THE FEEBLE HEART WITHIN WAS FOREVER POSSESSED BY THE *IMPOTENT* SIDE OF THE FORCE!

YOU CAN BE FAR STRONGER THAN HE WAS!

DARK JEDI! ARE YOU GOING TO LET YOUR WEAK SISTER GET THE BETTER OF YOU?

GET UP! I CAN GIVE YOU THE POWER TO *BREAK* HER!

YOU WILL *KILL* YOUR SISTER IF I ASK IT!

NO... I MADE A BIG MISTAKE... I THOUGHT I HAD TO SAVE THE GALAXY ALL BY MYSELF. BUT THE WAY OF THE JEDI IS *NOT* A SOLITARY PATH...

MANY HAVE DIED DEFENDING THE TRUTH... MANY ARE *TOGETHER* IN THIS GREAT WAR... TOGETHER IN THE *FORCE!*

MY ALLY IS THE FORCE. THROUGH THE STRENGTH OF THE *FORCE*, YOUR SHROUD OF EVIL HAS BEEN LIFTED FROM MY MIND.

SO BE IT--
--THROUGH THE POWER OF THE FORCE YOU WILL DIE!

NOW, YOUR HIGHNESS, WE WILL ESCORT YOU TO THE ALLIANCE BASE...YOU WILL BE INTERROGATED AND YOU WILL *SURRENDER* THE GALAXY TO THE *NEW REPUBLIC!*

LOOK AT YOU-- DON'T THINK I DON'T KNOW YOUR PLAN--

--THE DARK SIDE *HAS* YOU...*YOU* INTEND TO RULE THE GALAXY IN MY PLACE!

BUT UTTER IMBECILE THAT YOU ARE, YOU HAVE *STILL* FAILED TO UNDERSTAND MY POWER...

...LOOK BELOW-- LOOK WHAT IS HAPPENING TO YOUR PITIFUL MOON!

WITH MOUNTING ANGUISH, LUKE AND LEIA WATCH THE EMPEROR'S RAGE TAKE *FORM*, AS A GREAT *STORM OF RAW ENERGY* RENDS THE FABRIC OF SPACE ITSELF!

HE'S CREATING ANOTHER *FORCE STORM*, LUKE! HE'S DESTROYING THE WHOLE FLEET! THOUSANDS OF WARRIORS ARE DYING!

YESS! DID I NOT WARN YOU?

I'VE PLAYED ALONG WITH YOUR JEDI DUELING GAMES LONG ENOUGH! *NOW* YOU WILL EXPERIENCE MY FULL POTENCY...

I LIVE AS *ENERGY*... I AM THE DARK SIDE!

LISTEN TO ME, LEIA... WE CAN STOP HIM...

I'VE READ HIS *DARK BOOKS*. ACCORDING TO HIS OWN WORD, HE HAS AWAKENED A CHAOS EVEN *HE* CANNOT CONTROL!

JOIN YOUR JEDI POWER TO MINE, LEIA.

I ALREADY **HAVE**, LUKE. HAVEN'T YOU SENSED IT?

YOU'RE BOTH WASTING YOUR TIME! I *CAN* CONTROL THE DARK SIDE OF THE FORCE! MY FORCE STORM IS REDUCING YOUR REBEL FLEET TO DUST! *ALL* YOUR FRIENDS WILL DIE!

GO AHEAD! TRY ANY STUPID TRICKS YOU WANT...

"TRY NOT. DO OR DO NOT... THERE IS NO TRY."

AS LEIA'S INTENSITY CONTINUES TO UNLOCK UNEXPECTED RESOURCES IN LUKE, THE WORDS OF MASTER YODA, SPOKEN YEARS BEFORE ON DAGOBAH, ECHO IN THE MINDS OF THESE TWIN JEDI--

"MY ALLY IS THE FORCE, AND A POWERFUL ALLY IT IS. LIFE CREATES IT AND MAKES IT GROW. ITS ENERGY SURROUNDS US AND BINDS US... LUMINOUS BEINGS ARE WE... NOT THIS CRUDE MATTER--

"FEEL IT YOU MUST. FEEL THE FLOW. FEEL THE FORCE AROUND YOU, EVERYWHERE, WAITING TO BE FELT AND USED."

WITH THE POWER OF ***LUMINOUS BEINGS***, BROTHER AND SISTER JEDI PRESS THE FORCE AROUND THE DARK NEXUS THAT IS EMPEROR PALPATINE...

WITH ALL HIS HATRED FUNNELED INTO THE FORCE STORM, THE MALEVOLENT GENIUS IS CAUGHT OFF GUARD BY THE INVISIBLE WAVE OF ***LIFE ENERGY*** SURGING OVER HIM, SEPARATING HIM FROM HIS POWER--

ENVELOPED IN LIGHT, CUT OFF FROM HIS GREAT RAGE, THE EMPEROR FINDS HIMSELF UNABLE TO ***CONTROL*** THE DARK POWER HE HAS UNLEASHED--

--AND THE CATACLYSMIC ***STORM*** TURNS AGAINST ITS MAKER!

C'MON, LEIA! HE'S CONQUERED HIMSELF!

THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME! RUN FOR IT!

BATTLING THEIR WAY TO THE STAR DESTROYER'S HANGAR DECK, THE TWO FEARLESS JEDI COMMANDEER A SHUTTLE-CRAFT WITH SECONDS TO SPARE--

SAFELY CLEAR, LEIA AND LUKE WATCH THE DARK-SIDE STORM DEVOUR THE EMPEROR'S FLAGSHIP...AND THEN DISSIPATE IN THE VOID.

ONE JEDI CANNOT CONQUER THE DARK SIDE ALONE...I GUESS WE'VE PROVED THAT.

TOGETHER WE WERE A JEDI FIRE THAT OUTSHONE HIS EVIL.

TWO ARE MORE POWERFUL THAN ONE... *THREE* ARE MORE POWERFUL THAN TWO.

I FELT *ANOTHER* JOIN US, LUKE...MY THIRD CHILD. HE'S GOING TO BE A VERY GREAT JEDI.

YOUR CHILDREN...THE HOLOCRON...

THIS IS THE BEGINNING, LEIA--

--I FEEL IT. *GREAT* THINGS ARE COMING.

THE JEDI KNIGHTS *WILL* RISE AGAIN.

THE END

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